

Remarks

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 23, 2008.

I. Summary of Examiner's Rejections

Prior to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2008, Claims 1-55 and 57 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-55 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0125124 A1, here after Kim).

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present response amends Claims 1, 16, 30, 41, and 57, and cancels Claim 14, 28, 40, and 54, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 1-13, 15-27, 29-39, 41-53, 55, and 57.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

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Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the embodiment of the invention therein. Claim 1, as amended, defines a method for providing a request to a portlet wherein the portlet renders itself in a GUI, wherein the set of controls raise events and respond to events and interact with each other through an event notification mechanism. Applicant respectfully submits that these features are not disclosed by the cited references.

The amendments include the feature that: the set of controls interact with each other through an event notification mechanism. This feature was not previously present in any of the claims. Applicants submit that this new feature does not appear to be disclosed in or made obvious by Kim.

Claim 1 has also been amended to include the feature that: the set of controls raise events and respond to events, which was previously in Claim 14. In the Office Action mailed June 23, 2008, while discussing previous Claim 14, it was submitted that figures 11A-D of Kim disclosed wherein the set of controls raise events and respond to events. While Figures 11A-D

of Kim appear to disclose manipulating hierarchical structures (paragraph [0184]). Kim does not appear to disclose the ability for a set of controls to raise events and respond to events. Thus, Kim does not appear to disclose *wherein the set of controls raise events and respond to events*.

In view of the above comments, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1, as amended, is neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 30, 41, and 57

Claims 16, 30, 41, and 57 have been similarly amended to more clearly define the respective embodiments therein. For similar reasons as provided above with respect to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 16, 30, 41, and 57 are likewise neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-13, 15, 17-28, 29, 31-39, 42-53, and 55

Claims 2-13, 15, 17-28, 29, 31-39, 42-53, and 55 are not addressed separately, but it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim, and further in view of the comments provided above. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-13, 15, 17-28, 29, 31-39, 42-53, and 55 are similarly neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

It is also submitted that these claims also add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Claims 14, 28, 40, and 54

Claims 14, 28, 40, and 54 have been cancelled by the current Response, rendering moot the rejections of these claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in a continuing or future application.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully

requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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